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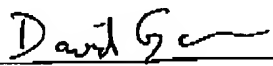
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Total Claims	46	-	38	=	8	\$144
Independent	6	-	5	=	1	\$86
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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